

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Innovative Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting \$186,500.00 through their Innovative Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

County-wide

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BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection offers the Innovative Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program to assist with funding the development of innovative processes for collecting, recycling, or otherwise reducing the amount of solid waste transferred to Florida landfills.

In September 2007, the Solid Waste Management Division submitted an application requesting funds to conduct a pilot project investigating the feasibility of static pile composting of yard waste and biosolids (waste water treatment sludge). The project entailed staff working cooperatively with a private composting firm, engineers, consultants, and analytical laboratories. Although the application scored very well in the competitive review process (ranked 6th), the amount of funds allocated to the program were not such that allowed for an award to Seminole County.

A new grant cycle is now available. Staff would like to revise and resubmit the previous application requesting \$186,500.00 for the project. No matching funds are required. Seminole County's contribution towards the project would be solely in-kind labor and space at the landfill.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting \$186,500.00 through their Innovative Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DATE DUE: September 2, 2008

PROJECT TITLE: Composting Pilot Program

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Richard Meinert, Solid Waste Administration Manager

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Richard Meinert

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Solid Waste Management Division is interested in reapplying for the grant to conduct a pilot project investigating the feasibility of static pile composting of yard waste and biosolids (waste water treatment sludge). The pilot will involve the construction of a pad within the slurry wall of the landfill. On the pad, yard waste and biosolids will be combined and allowed to compost. Analysis will be conducted on the compost product and run-off areas to assess the efficacy of the compost process and to determine if the process causes any concerns for surrounding areas. The Solid Waste Management Division anticipates working cooperatively with a private composting firm, engineers, consultants, and analytical laboratories on this project.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$186,500

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): n/a

SOURCES OF MATCH: In-kind labor and space

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$186,500

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒ COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT